

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 11-20 are pending in this application.

Claims 11-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aas et al. (U.S. 6,265,855) in view of Gan et al. (U.S. 7,518,563).

In accordance with MPEP § 201.15, Applicant has submitted herewith an English translation of the Japanese Application No. JP 2004-027036, from which the present application claims priority, and a Certification that the English translation of JP 2004-027036 is true and correct. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that Gan et al. (U.S. 7,518,563) does not qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) because the filing date of April 12, 2004 of Gan et al. (U.S. 7,518,563) is after the filing date of February 3, 2004 of JP 2004-027036, from which the present application claims priority.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aas et al. in view of Gan et al.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 11 is allowable. Claims 12-20 depend upon Claim 11, and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons that Claim 11 is allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

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